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RELATING TO

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Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be printed, 7 July* 1812.

I.

Copy of a MEMORIAL presented to His Grace the LORD LIEUTENANT of IRELAND, on the 7th of April 1812, by certain Citizens of Dublin, complaining of the Conduct of the Police Magistrates.

To his Grace Charles Duke of Richmond and Lenox, Lord Lieutenant General, and General Governor of Ireland;

The MEMORIAL of the undersigned Inhabitants of the City of Dublin, and the District of Dublin Metropolis;

Most Humbly Sheweth,

THAT an Act of Parliament was made in the forty-eighth year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual administration of Office of Justice of the Peace, and for the more effectual prevention of Felonies the within the District of Dublin Metropolis:"

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That Your Memorialists humbly submit, that the Legislature, in enacting that Law, had in contemplation the Peace, Benefit, and Security, of the Inhabitants of the District of the said Metropolis; and your Memorialists are fully satisfied that it was the wish and intention of your Grace, in the choice of persons to fill the Office of Magistrates under the said Act, to select such men as were the best qualified for the discharge of that important duty, as well by integrity as ability.

That Your Memorialists, from facts which have come to their knowledge, feel it their bounden duty, as well on behalf of themselves as of their fellow Citizens, to lay before your Grace a Statement of several circumstances of the conduct of many of the Magistrates appointed under said Act, by which the intention of the Legislature appears to be, in a great measure, counteracted, if not altogether defeated; and the Inhabitants of the District of the Metropolis, in consequence thereof, complain that their Property is insecure, and their Persons unprotected, notwithstanding the immense sums paid for the maintenance of said Establishment.

Your Memorialists, with great humility, beg leave to state to your Grace, that one of the Magistrates of Police has connected himself with a Person, by whose agency and intervention between him and Persons of vicious habits, said Magistrate has endeavoured to conceal his conduct from Public observation.

Your Memorialists humbly show, that the Legislature has, at all times, considered Gambling Houses as destructive of morality, and productive of every species of vice and licentiousness, and has, in the said Act, expressly directed the attention of the Police to the suppression of such Houses.

Your Memorialists show that, notwithstanding such direction on the part of the Legislature, no less than Six open and notorious Gambling Houses exist within a few yards of the Head Office of Police; and your Memorialists humbly beg leave to state, that, in a great Mercantile City, Houses of that kind are peculiarly mischievous, and frequently induce the Clerks, and Apprentices of the Citizens, to embezzle the Property of their respective Masters, and detach them from the pursuits of industry and trade, and at same time afford refuge to the nightly Plunderer and Assassin; and Memorialists humbly submit, that the existence of such Houses may well account for the numerous Street Robberies, and Burglaries, committed within and in the Neighbourhood.

Your Memorialists state, that one of those common Gambling Houses has been for several years, and is still, kept in Dame-street, within a few yards of the Castle, and of the Head Police Office, by a Person of the name of Patrick Daly.

Your Memorialists further beg leave to state, that one John M'Coen held said last-mentioned House for some time, from said Patrick Daly, at the enormous rent of Eleven hundred Pounds yearly, but that said Daly, from some secret motive, resumed the possession of said House, and from thence down to the present time is suffered to keep same as a common Gambling House.

Your Memorialists further humbly state, that the said John M'Coen is a man who, by experience, well knows the benefits arising from that corrupt and immoral source of wealth, opened a House in Exchange-court, next adjoining to the House in which the Magistrates of the Head Office of Police hold their Office, and which House is now, and has been for about Eighteen months last past, suffered to exist close to said Police Office.

Your Memorialists further state, that said M'Coen built on the yard of said House, in Exchange court, a large new room for the purpose of gaming; the said room so built in manner aforesaid, being adjoining to the yard of the House of a Mr. Farrell, in Dame-street; and said Mr. M'Coen, as Memorialists humbly submit, conceiving that it would add considerably to the accommodation of those Persons who frequented his House, for the unlawful purpose of gambling, by having two entrances, actually agreed to pay to the said Mr. Farrell the sum of One

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hundred Guineas per annum, for the nightly use of the hall of said Farrell, as a passage to his said new Gambling Room.

Memorialists further show, that another common Gambling House has been for several years, and still is, suffered to exist, under the management and the direction of one Valentine Dowling, in Palace-street, and within a very few yards of the entrance of the Castle-yard.

Your Memorialists further show, that one other of said Houses is kept by one Lawrence Byrne, in Essex street; and one other in Crow-street, by a person of the name of Molloy.

Your Memorialists beg leave to further state, that about two years since one George Thornton set up another Gambling House, in Crow-street, next adjoining to that occupied by said Molloy.

Your Memorialists here beg leave humbly to observe, that it is impossible that Six notorious Gambling Houses, as those herein before described, should exist for so long a period unknown to the Magistrates of Police, unless they were grossly remiss and inattentive to the duties of the Magistracy; and your Memorialists humbly state, that some of the said Magistrates were, previous to their appointment, frequenters of said Gambling Houses, and must well know of their existence.

That to enumerate all the particular transactions connected with these Gambling Houses, and bearing on the conduct of the Police of the District of Dublin Metropolis, would be endless; and the object of your Memorialists being merely to lay sufficient grounds before your Grace, to satisfy you of the necessity of an inquiry, they humbly, and with humility, submit they have already stated enough for that purpose on the head of complaint.

Your Memorialists further state, that the Public Money, and the Funds connected with the Police Establishment, have been wasted or misapplied.

Your Memorialists beg leave further to state, that, contrary to the express words of the Statute, several Persons employed, and paid as Constables under said Act, have been employed by some of the Magistrates of Police, as domestic and menial Servants, and, that while they were so acting as domestic and menial Servants, the Police institution has been charged as if they were respectively effective Police Men doing duty.

Your Memorialists further beg leave to state, that Horses, the Property of the Chief Magistrate of Police, have been kept at the expense of the Police Institution; and that Horses belonging to the Police Establishment have been turned to the use of said Chief Magistrate and his Family, and with his privity and consent; and that said Chief Magistrate has permitted Horses, the Property of the Police Establishment, to be disposed of by private Contract, and not by public Auction.

Your Memorialists further state, that said Magistrate became a Contractor for feeding the Horses belonging to the said Establishment; and your Memorialists have been informed, and believe, that he did not fulfil said Contract.

Your Memorialists further beg leave to state, that many of the said Magistrates have, in violation of the directions of the Statute, been negligent of their duty in point of attendance, by which means not only the liberty of the Subject has been violated, but many Offenders have escaped from Justice.

Your Memorialists further beg leave to observe, that if they were to go into a detail of all the facts of misconduct in the Police Establishment, or were they to enter into a detail of the numerous and recent Robberies and Burglaries committed in the District of Dublin Metropolis, arising from the neglect or inefficiency of the Police Establishment, it would swell this Memorial to an unwarrantable length; but your Memorialists humbly submit, that they have laid before your Grace sufficient grounds and charges to warrant your Grace to direct an Investigation and Inquiry to

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to be instituted into the Conduct of the Magistrates, and the Police Establishment in general; which Your Memorialists humbly pray may be instituted in such manner, as to Your Grace shall seem meet.

And Your Memorialists will pray.

Luke Duffy & Sons, earl-street.
John Goslin, 27, james's-street.
John Macabe, ushers-quay.
Thomas Henshall, nassau-street.
John Robinson, ushers-quay.
Thomas Smyth, queen-street.
William Stephens.
Thomas Kinsley, abbey-street.
Robert Birch, 177, church-street.
Christopher Griffith, moore-street.
E. Hay, church-street.
William White, church-street.
William Bing, great britain-street.
John Chancellor, 35, new Sackville-st.
John Dalrymple, aungier-street.
William Cooke, stephen-street.
John O'Ferrall, sackville-street.
Edward Butler, ormond-quay.
John Wilson, westmorland-street.
James Reilly, 39, nicholas-street.
W^m Boshell, ushers-quay.
James Flyn, ushers-quay.
A. O'Reiley, l. ormond-quay.
John Gason, w. arran-street.
Fred^k Drought, temple-bar.
William Usher.
James Hughes, high-street.
William Beggs, church-street.
William Saltor, bonham-street.
B. Commons, thomas-street.
John Hudson, 29, lower sackville-street.
Daniel Ashford, balls bridge.
Richard Beere, aungier-street.
Owen Quigley & Co. st. andrew-street.
Fr^s Marmion, fleet-street.
Thomas Morgan.

Dublin Castle, 4th May, 1812.

CHARLES SAXTON.

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II.

RETURNS to an Order for,—Copies of any CORRESPONDENCE, which may have taken place, in consequence of a Memorial presented to His Grace the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, on the 7th of April 1812, by certain Citizens of Dublin, complaining of the Conduct of the Police Magistrates.—Also a Copy of their Report in answer to the Charges brought against them, together with all other Papers relating thereto.

(1.)—Copy of a LETTER from Sir Charles Saxton, baronet, to Mr. Thomas Day; dated Dublin Castle, 13th April 1812.

SIR, Dublin Castle, 13th April 1812.

HIS Grace the Lord Lieutenant having considered the Memorial presented by you from certain inhabitants of the City of Dublin, complaining of great misconduct and neglect of duty on the part of the Police Magistrates of the City of Dublin, I have his Graces's commands to observe, that the Charges contained in the said Memorial are for the most part so vague and uncertain as to render it scarcely practicable that any effectual investigation thereof could be made, until his Grace shall be furnished with a more particular statement of such Charges, specifying the names of the Persons implicated therein, and at what times, and on what occasions the respective instances of malversation and misconduct complained of have taken place; and I am directed to make this communication to you, in order that the Persons on whose behalf the Memorial in question has been presented may be aware of the necessity of preparing a more particular statement accordingly, in order to enable his Grace to institute that investigation and inquiry into the conduct of the Magistrates, and the Police Establishment in general, which the Memorialists have prayed.

In the mean time his Grace will not fail to order such Inquiry to be made as the allegations contained in the Memorial now before him will admit.

I have, &c.

Mr. Thomas Day, (Signed) *Charles Saxton.*
5, Fitzwilliam-place North.

(2.)—Copy of a LETTER from Sir Charles Saxton, baronet, to the Divisional Justices Head Office of Police; dated Dublin Castle, 14th April 1812.

Gentlemen, Dublin Castle, 14th April 1812.

A MEMORIAL having been laid before the Lord Lieutenant, signed by several inhabitants of the City of Dublin, complaining of misconduct and neglect of duty on the part of the Police Magistrates of the City of Dublin, I send you herewith, by his Grace's command, a Copy of the said Memorial; and his Grace desires you will report on the specific allegations contained therein; his Grace observing, that many of the Charges made in the said Memorial are vague and uncertain. I have by his Grace's commands called upon the Memorialists for a more particular statement of their Charges, which will be communicated to you when received, with respect to those Charges in the Memorial which particularly relate to the chief Magistrate of Police.

His Grace is aware that it may be necessary to delay your Report until Alderman Pemberton shall be sufficiently recovered from his present indisposition to give his attention thereto.

I am, &c.

Divisional Justices Head Office of Police, (Signed) *Charles Saxton.*
&c. &c. &c.

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(3.)—Copy of a LETTER from Mr. Thomas Day, to Sir Charles Saxton, baronet; dated Fitzwilliam-place North, 17th April 1812.

SIR, Fitzwilliam-place North, 17th April 1812.

I BEG leave to inform you, that in compliance with the commands of his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, as communicated by your Letter of the 13th instant, I am now preparing a more full and particular statement of the Charges contained in the Memorial which I had the honour to present to his Grace, on the part of certain Inhabitants of this City, in which they complain of the neglect and misconduct of the Police Magistrates of Dublin, and their consequent inefficiency: and I beg leave to assure you, on the part of those persons on whose behalf that Memorial was presented, that no pains or labour shall be spared in stating to his Grace the respective instances of malversation complained of, and in specifying the persons implicated therein.

If, however, his Grace shall be pleased in the mean time, to order an investigation of any of the Charges contained in that Memorial, which are deemed sufficiently precise to warrant such inquiry, I have no doubt that due notice will be given to me, in order that I may have an opportunity of preparing to substantiate them.

I have, &c.

Sir Charles Saxton, baronet, &c. &c. &c. (Signed) *Thomas Day.*

(4.)—Copy of a LETTER from Mr. Andrew O'Reilly, to Sir Charles Saxton, baronet; dated 24, Lower Ormond Quay, 17th April 1812.

SIR, 24, Lower Ormond Quay, 17th April 1812.

HAVING been yesterday informed by Alderman Exshaw that a Memorial, to which my name was affixed, was presented to his Grace the Duke of Richmond, containing charges and allegations affecting the character of the Police Magistracy of the City of Dublin; I take the liberty of addressing you on the subject.

About a month since, I called at the house of Mr. John Robinson, Usher's Quay, on business; while there, Mr. Francis Fox came in, and after some conversation, drew a paper from his pocket, which he asked Mr. Robinson to sign; Mr. Robinson refused until he read it, but Mr. Fox assured him it contained only a request (or Memorial) to his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, to inquire into the present state of the Police (or Watch,) and of no other consequence; Mr. Robinson signed without reading it; I was then requested to sign, which, after much importunity, I did, without having read one word of it. Mr. Henshall, of Nassau-street, came in at same time, and was in like manner prevailed on to sign it, he also being utterly ignorant of its contents. I therefore beg to say, that in thus signing that paper, I was not aware that I concurred in any charge against any person; and the circumstance of my not having signed the paper, would warrant me in denying all knowledge of the Memorial above alluded to, but that I conceive it possible the paper I then signed was that Memorial.

I disclaim the knowledge of any circumstance that could constitute a Charge against the Police Magistrates, or any of them; on the contrary, I feel much indebted to the kindness and attention of Alderman King, (to whom I am known, and for whom I entertain the highest opinion and respect) and Messrs. Sirr and Hare, the only time I ever had occasion to trouble them, when they manifested much zeal to serve me in their official capacity.

I beg to express my regret at having signed that paper which renders this intrusion on my part necessary, and that you will consider this Letter a complete disavowal of any participation in any Charges that may be contained in the above-mentioned Memorial, and also that you will have the goodness to order my name to be expunged from it.

I have, &c.

Sir Charles Saxton, baronet. &c. &c. &c. (Signed) *Andrew O'Reilly.*

(5.)—Copy of a LETTER from Mr. Edward Butler, junior, to Sir Charles Saxton, bart. dated Ormond Quay, 18 April 1812.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that about six weeks since, some person, whose name I do not now recollect, presented me a paper to sign, saying it was a Petition to the Lord Lieutenant in favour of Mr. Magee, Proprietor of the Dublin Evening Post, in mitigation of damages; I am since informed, that the object of the paper was of a nature materially different from what it was then stated to be; I therefore request Sir (as I understand it is in your possession) you will have the goodness to have my name erased from it.

18th April 1812, Ormond Quay.

I have, &c. (Signed) *Edward Butler*, jun.

Sir Charles Saxton, bart. &c. &c. &c.

(6.)—Copy

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(6.)—Copy of a LETTER from Mr. Thomas Day, to Sir Charles Saxton, bart.; dated 20th April 1812.

SIR, 5, Fitzwilliam-place North, 20th April 1812.

I HAVE had the honour of your note of the 18th instant, enclosing a Copy of a Letter, written by Mr. Edward Butler, jun. to you. I beg leave respectfully to state, that that letter was obtained by a gross fraud, practised upon Mr. Butler as hereinafter detailed, and have therefore to request you not to erase the name of that Gentleman from the Memorial which I had the honour to present to his Grace the Lord Lieutenant. I make this communication *by the express directions of the Gentleman alluded to*; but, were I not so directed, I should feel myself called upon, from the peculiar circumstances of the case, to make such request from myself, subject to all the consequences that might arise from it.

I must, however, observe, if any person made use of the language stated in the Letter of Mr. Butler, to induce him to sign his name to that Memorial, I was not that person, neither did I ever hear of such fact, until I received your Note with the Enclosure; in consequence of which, I waited on Mr. Butler, when he informed me that Mr. O'Reilly, one other Gentleman who signed the Memorial, called upon him on Friday last, and stated that Alderman Exshaw had mentioned to him, Mr. O'Reilly, that he would be destroyed for signing a most scandalous Memorial to the Lord Lieutenant, the object of which was to demand an investigation to be made into the conduct of Mr. Alderman King, for some alleged misconduct towards Mr. Fox; and further, that such Memorial accused Alderman Pemberton of the crime of stealing an Horse; and that Mr. Alderman Exshaw desired Mr. O'Reilly to wait upon Mr. Butler, and explain the danger he was in. Mr. Butler further informed me, that on the same day Mr. Joshua Dixon (one of the Police Magistrates) who he well knows he is one of the persons charged by that Memorial, called upon Mr. Butler and his father, and used, in substance, the language said to have fallen from Mr. Alderman Exshaw to Mr. O'Reilly, and that on the following day he, Mr. Butler, met Mr. Dixon, who requested he would accompany him to Major Sirr, and that by his importunity he did so. Mr. Butler further added, that he wrote the Letter (a Copy of which you did me the honour to enclose) by the *express directions of Major Sirr*, to whom he enclosed the same under cover.

I shall here further observe, that Major Sirr well knows he is one of those whose conduct is sought to be investigated; and I am instructed, and feel assured, that such facts will be proved against that Magistrate as will induce his Grace the Lord Lieutenant to say, that the Memorial before alluded to was drawn with great forbearance and moderation.

You, Sir, well know, that the statement of Mr. Alderman Exshaw is not warranted by the fact, as the name of Alderman King or Mr. Fox is not therein mentioned, neither was any part of the transactions connected with those Gentlemen ever in the contemplation of those who prepared that Memorial.

I also feel myself called upon, in addition to the Gentlemen before alluded to, to communicate to you the name of another Magistrate, Mr. Magrath, who has pursued a similar line of conduct; others might also be mentioned, were I disposed so to do, or did I conceive it necessary in this stage of the business.

I have, &c.

(Signed) *Tho' Day.*

Sir Charles Saxton, bart.

(7.)—Copy of a LETTER from Mr. Thomas Day, to Sir Charles Saxton, bart. dated 21st April 1812.

SIR, Fitzwilliam Place North, 21st April 1812.

IN compliance with the Letter you did me the honour of writing on the 13th instant, I now take the liberty of enclosing to you, for his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, a detailed statement of the Charges against certain of the Police Magistrates, in which statement I have specified the names of the different persons implicated.

I further beg leave to assure you, that all the Charges therein contained can be substantiated by evidence, whenever the Lord Lieutenant may be graciously pleased to afford an opportunity, by ordering an inquiry to be instituted according to the prayer of the Memorial which I had the honour of presenting to His Grace.

I have, &c.

(Signed) *Tho' Day.*

Sir Charles Saxton, bart.
&c. &c. &c.

(8.)—Copy

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(8.)—Copy of a LETTER from Mr. John Dalrymple, to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor; dated 21st April 1812.

My Lord,

HAVING the honour of being known to your Lordship, I take the liberty of addressing you on the subject of a Memorial, signed by me (with many others) and now under the consideration of Government, relative to the Police Establishment, lest my motives for signing the same should be misrepresented or misconceived.

The circumstance which gave rise to that matter, was as follows; I had certainly witnessed recent neglect or dereliction of duty in that department, particularly by the Iron Palisadoes of an house in Aungier Street, *within a few yards of the Watch-house*, having been stolen away at night; shortly after which occurrence I was applied to by Mr. Fox to sign the Memorial in question, which I did, solely from experience of such neglect of duty, and with the purest intention of having the same corrected, and not from any possible wish to injure the character of any individual whatsoever, having personally the highest respect for the Gentlemen at the head of that Department, to whom I beg your Lordship will have the goodness to communicate these my sentiments.

Aungier Street,
21st April 1812.

I have, &c.
(Signed) *John Dalrymple.*

Right Honourable, the Lord Mayor,
&c. &c. &c.

(9.)—Copy of a STATEMENT of Charges in support of a Memorial presented to His Grace Charles Duke of Richmond and Lenox, Lord Lieutenant, &c. &c. on behalf of certain Inhabitants of the City of Dublin, 21st April 1812.

To His Grace Charles Duke of Richmond and Lenox, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

THE following Statement of Charges in support of a Memorial presented to your Grace on the 7th instant, on behalf of certain Inhabitants of the City of Dublin, complaining of neglect, misconduct, and inefficiency in the Police Magistrates of the said City, appointed in manner as prescribed by an Act of Parliament, made in the forty-eighth of His present Majesty's reign, intituled, An Act for the more effectual administration of the Office of a Justice of the Peace, and for the effectual prevention of Felonies within the District of Dublin Metropolis.

It is further most humbly submitted to your Grace, that the said Memorial contains Charges of a strong nature against the Magistrates of Police and the Police Establishment, and such as to call aloud for redress; and to warrant your Grace to interpose your authority, by graciously ordering an investigation into the Charges therein contained, and to which Memorial your Grace is most respectfully referred. And in compliance with your Grace's commands, as communicated by Sir Charles Saxton to the Agent to the Memorialists, he humbly begs leave, in further aid of said Memorial, to submit the following Statement to your Grace's consideration, and specifically to name the Magistrates whose conduct is sought to be investigated.

That from the time of their commencement in office as Police Magistrates, down to the present time, the following Magistrates of Police, namely, Alderman Joseph Pemberton, Chief Magistrate, Alderman Nathaniel Hone, Mark Hare, Henry Charles Sirr, William Lindsay, Joshua Dixon, James Blacker, Thomas R. Babington, William Long, Richard Guinness and Mark Magrath, esquires, well knew and still know, of the existence of six common gambling houses in the said City, kept by the persons named; and in the respective places, and on the terms as particularly set forth in the said Memorial.

That the Chief Magistrate, Alderman Joseph Pemberton, from the time of his appointment down to the present time, has employed, as domestic and menial servants, persons who were engaged and paid as Constables under said Act of Parliament, and that while they were so acting as domestic and menial servants, the Police Institution has been charged as if they were respectively effective Police Men doing duty.

That the said Chief Magistrate, from the time of the said appointment, and down to the present period, suffered and permitted, and still does suffer and permit, horses, his private property, to be maintained and kept at the expense of the Police Establishment; and that hay, oats, and straw, the property of said Establishment, have been taken by the servants of said Chief Magistrate, and with his privity, and used in the stables of such Chief Magistrate in maintaining his own private horses; and for all that period horses belonging to the Police Establishment have been turned to the use of the said Chief Magistrate in drawing his carriages and jaunting cars, and also in drawing dung-carts from the said City to his county residence at Killester in the County of Dublin, and there working said horses as his own private property; and that the said Chief Magistrate suffered and permitted horses, the property of the said Police Establishment, to be used by his family and various other persons to ride upon all occasions; and that said horses were by the authority and permission of said Chief Magistrate lent to different persons, and in like manner used by such persons.

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That the said Chief Magistrate, upon several occasions since appointment to that office, suffered and permitted horses the property of the Police Establishment, to be sold or bartered to individuals, without having same disposed of by public Sale.

That the Magistrates of the Head Office of Police, from the time of their appointment down to the present time, have deducted and still continue to deduct, from the pay of the Police Men, various sums of money contrary to and against the express directions of the Statute; and by reason thereof, the said Police Men have not been sufficiently paid to enable them to maintain themselves and family, and keep them above temptation, and also of consequence the Inhabitants of the District of the Metropolis cannot be sufficiently protected in their lives or properties.

That a person of the name of John O'Neil, has from the 29th day of September 1808, and from thence to the present time, acted as the confidential agent of Henry Charles Sirr, esq. one of the Magistrates of Police; and that the said O'Neil has the most unbounded influence over said Magistrate; and that said O'Neil himself is a joint owner and participator of the profits of two common gambling houses in Crow Street, the one kept by a person of the name of Molloy, and the other by George Thornton; and that the said O'Neil has received and continues to receive for all time from various persons various sum and sums of money for allowing such persons to violate the Law, and such facts are known to and sanctioned by said Henry Charles Sirr, esq.

It is further charged, that a relative part of the family of Joshua Dixon, esquire, one of the said Magistrates of Police is supported by the issues and profits of one of said Gambling-houses with his knowledge and privity.

Your Grace is further most respectfully informed, that the following Magistrates of Police, namely, Alderman Joseph Pemberton, Chief Magistrate, Alderman Nathaniel Hone, Mark Hare, Henry Charles Sirr, William Lindsay, Joshua Dixon, James Blacker, Thomas R. Babington, William Long, Richard Guinness, and Mark Magrath, esquires, have been negligent of their duty in point of attendance, and they, or any of them, have not attended to their duty as Police Magistrates ought to have done, and as was their bounded duty, at the hours prescribed and directed by the statute.

It is further humbly submitted to your Grace, that upon any investigation you may be pleased to order as to the charges in said Memorial, you will graciously direct that the various books and accounts of the Police Establishment shall be produced, and by the inspection, and comparing the same with various receipts and documents in the possession of the Agent for the Memorialists, and also such further evidence as may be produced, will sufficiently show, and satisfy your Grace, that the Funds of the Police Establishment have been grossly misapplied by Alderman Pemberton and others, of the Police Establishment, from the time of the commencement thereof, namely, on the 29th September 1808, down to the present time, and who shall have due notice of the particular facts with which they are charged on any inquiry your Grace may be pleased to order; but it is further most humbly submitted to your Grace, that it would be impossible for the Memorialists to enter into further detail or dates other than herein stated; and were they compelled so to do in the present state, it would directly have the tendency of preventing the detection of abuses in all the Offices and in every Department of the Police Establishment; and instead of the Act of Parliament before alluded to, and which was wisely enacted for the security and protection of the inhabitants, have the salutary effect it was intended by your Grace and by the Legislature; it would, by the abuses which have crept into the Institution, become oppressive, destructive, and ruinous in their consequences to the inhabitants of the district of the metropolis.

It is with deep regret it has become necessary, and devolved as a duty, paramount to all the other considerations upon the Agent, to state to your Grace, that whilst the Memorial which has already been presented to your Grace was preparing, the Magistrates of Police and other Gentlemen connected with that Establishment, and even since the same was presented to your Grace, have presumed to go about in various parts of the City, and used all means within their power, by intimidation and threats, and misrepresentation, to prevent the Inhabitants from coming forward to lay before your Grace a statement of the grievances of which they complain; and the Agent has been instructed and compelled to name some of those Gentlemen whose conduct has been the most forward, and conspicuous upon the occasions alluded to, namely, Alderman James Exshaw, Printer and Stationer to the Police Establishment, Mark Magrath, Joshua Dixon, William Lindsay, and Henry Charles Sirr, esquires.

It is humbly, yet confidently, stated to your Grace, that the foregoing Charges, and all and every the Charges contained in said Memorial, and various other Charges to be advanced upon said inquiry, will be fully substantiated by evidence that will be at once satisfactory and conclusive upon the mind of your Grace.

May it therefore please your Grace, graciously to order an investigation to take place into the conduct of the Magistrates of Police, and the Police Establishment, as by the Memorial herein before stated was prayed; and the undersigned on behalf of himself and the several inhabitants whose names are respectively signed to that Memorial will pray.

21 April 1812.
Fitzwilliam-place North.

(Signed) *Thomas Day.*

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(10.)—Copy of the Police Magistrates Report on the Petition presented by certain Inhabitants of Dublin, complaining of their conduct:

Head Police Office, 22d April 1812.

SIR,

YOUR Letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Divisional Justices of this Office, enclosing a Memorial of the Inhabitants of the County of the City of Dublin, (whose signatures are thereunto annexed)and communicating the desire of His Grace the Lord Lieutenant, that the specific allegations against the Magistrates of Police contained therein should be reported on, for his gracious information, having been laid before us, and carefully considered, we are of opinion that the following are the only Charges which appear to be in any manner within the description alluded to, which we shall answer seriatim; *videlicit.*

1st. A Charge against some one Magistrate who is not named, for having connected himself with a Person, by whose agency and intervention between him and persons of vicious habits, said Magistrate ha endeavoured to conceal his conduct from public observation.

This Charge is couched in such ambiguous terms that we cannot in any way reply to it, except by the most positive and unqualified denial by us, (individually) of the existence of any such connexion.

2d. That no less than six notorious Gaming-houses are allowed to exist within a few yards of the Head Office of Police.

We have no doubt that there are houses of this description in Dublin, and whenever we have received any information or complaint respecting them, we have acted with promptitude and effect, by destroying the tables, and fining the Proprietors: a measure which we have adopted at different times, towards two of the houses mentioned in the Memorial; and we submit that no system of Police, however vigilant or active, has ever yet been successful in effectually preventing the existence of such houses in large and populous Cities. However, we think it right to observe that we never have, in any one instance, since the commencement of the present Police Establishment, traced any property (which had been stolen or embezzled) to a Gaming-house; nor have we any reason to believe, that either Clerks or Apprentices are in the habit of frequenting those houses in Dublin; no complaint of that kind having ever been made to us by any Merchant or Shopkeeper within our District.

" 3d. That several persons employed and paid as Constables under our Act have been " employed by some of the Magistrates of Police as domestic and menial servants."

This Charge we declare to be utterly false and groundless, and we deny it in the same positive manner as we have done the first.

4th. The Charges affecting the Chief Magistrate of Police.

With respect to those Charges against the Chief Magistrate (the consideration of which His Grace has been pleased to postpone on account of his indisposition) we feel confident, from his general character, and our knowledge of him individually, that they will prove to be utterly unfounded.

We cannot in justice to ourselves conclude this Report, without remarking, that it gives us great satisfaction to state that there are only thirty-six Signatures to the Memorial, from so populous a City as Dublin; and that we have every reason to believe that those were obtained by misrepresentation and gross imposition, and that the persons who signed their names to the Memorial were ignorant of its contents.

We have, &c.

(Signed) *W. Archer*, *Joshua Dixon*,
Rich[d] Guinness, *Nathaniel Hone*,
W. Turner, *M. Hare*,
Bertram Mitford, *Fred[k] Darley*,
Tho[s] Rich[d] Babington, *Ab[m] Bradley King*,
James Blacker, *W. Lindsay*,
Wm Stamer, *J. Smith*.
William Long, *Mark Magrath*.

C. Todd, for *Henry C. Sirr*, he having agreed to the Draft of this Letter.

(11.)—Copy of a LETTER from Mr. Tho. Day to Sir Charles Saxton, bart. dated 1st May 1812.

SIR, Fitzwilliam-place North, 1st May 1812.

I BEG leave to mention, that in obedience to the commands of His Grace the Lord Lieutenant, as communicated to me by your Letter of the 13th ult. which I had the honour to receive, I delivered at your office on the 21st a detailed Statement of those Charges, which, on behalf of certain Citizens of Dublin, I was and am ready to substantiate (against several of the Magistrates of Police) by evidence which cannot be controverted. I therefore take the liberty of requesting the honour of being informed by you, whether I, on behalf of the Memorialists may expect, any communication on the subject.

I have, &c.

Sir Charles Saxton, bart. (Signed) *Tho[s] Day.*

(12.)—ABSTRACT

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(12.)—ABSTRACT of the Attendance of the Divisional Magistrates, during the month of February 1812.

N° of Division.	Magistrates and Clerks Names.	Mornings present.	Evenings present.
2d.	Alderman King	6.	—
		14 days employed at Canal House and other Public Boards—1 day ill.	
	John Smyth, Esq.	21.	7.
		1 day attending Lord Lieutenant.	
	William Lindsay, Esq.	22.	7.
		1 day on Jury.	
Clerks	1. Hill Wilson	16.	—
		1 day at King's Bench.	
	2. Thomas R. Rogers	22.	3.
3d.	Alderman Archer	2. Lord Mayor.	
	Bertram Mitford, Esq.	25.	11.
	Joshua Dixon, Esq.	25.	12.
Clerks	1. William Brown	14.	—
		9 days ill—1 day King's Bench.	
	2. Armstrong Fitzgerald	*18.	—
		* Dismissed.	
4th.	Alderman Stamer	25.	11.
	William Turner, Esq.	25.	25.
	James Blacker, Esq.	25.	13.
Clerks	1. John Atkinson	25.	16.
	2 John Murphy	25.	21.
5th.	Alderman Darley	22.	12.
	Tho' R. Babington, Esq.	18.	9.
		4 days leave of absence.	
	William Long, Esq.	23.	13.
		2 days Country Office.	
Clerks	1. Alex' Anderson	18.	—
		2 days attending King's Bench.	
	2. William Carr	24.	24.
6th.	Alderman Hone	24.	6.
	Richard Guinness, Esq.	27.	11.
	Mark Magrath, Esq.	20.	10.
		3 days on leave of absence.	
Clerks	1. L. Bomford	24.	14.
	2. James Fox	23.	8.

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(13.—ABSTRACT of the Attendance of the Divisional Magistrates, during the month of March 1812.

Nº of Division.	Magistrates and Clerks Names.	Mornings present.	Evenings present.
2d	Alderman King	7.	1.
		7 days leave of absence on Royal Canal.	
	John Smyth, Esq.	16.	4.
		6 days on leave of absence.	
	William Lindsay, Esq.	24.	12.
Clerks	1. Hill Wilson	25.	11.
	2. Thomas R. Rogers	17.	2.
		3 days ill.	
3d	Alderman Archer	6.	Lord Mayor.
	Bertram Mitford, Esq.	25.	9.
	Joshua Dixon, Esq.	27.	17.
Clerks	1. William Brown	19.	None.
		5 days ill.	
	2. Richd H. Burm	17.	16
		No second Clerk until the 9th. Mr. Burm two days absent on leave.	
4th	Alderman Stamer	17.	8.
	William Turner, Esq.	26.	26.
	James Blacker, Esq.	25.	13.
Clerks	1. John Atkinson	26.	16.
	2. John Murphy	21.	20.
		5 days on leave of absence.	
5th	Alderman Darley	23.	7.
		2 days attending County Office.	
	Thos R. Babington, Esq.	25.	13
		2 days on leave of absence.	
	William Long, Esq.	23.	7.
		4 days and 1 evening attending County Office.	
Clerks	1. Alexander Anderson	24.	None.
	2. William Carr	29.	25.
		1 evening on leave.	
6th	Alderman Hone	27.	5.
	Richard Guinness, Esq.	27.	8.
	Mark Magrath, Esq.	27.	14.
		1 day County Office.	
Clerks	1. L. Bomford	25.	17.
	2. James Fox	25.	11.
		1 day ill.	

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